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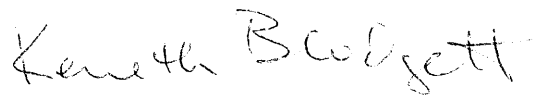
**RE: Tongue River Railroad Project – Construction and Operation -
Western Alignment, STB Finance Docket No. 30186 (Sub-No. 3)**

Dear Mr. Day:

This letter is being sent to confirm and clarify that Public Affairs Management, the Surface Transportation Board's (Board) Third-Party Contractor for the Tongue River Railroad Project, has sent you preliminary versions of Chapters 1, 2, and 3 of the supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS) being prepared for the case referenced above. The purpose of sending you preliminary versions of these chapters is to allow you to review the accuracy of information relative to your application before the Board.

We would appreciate any comments you have on the accuracy of the information in these chapters by October 15, 2003. Your comments should be sent to me at the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis with a copy to Scott Steinwert at Public Affairs Management.

Sincerely,



Kenneth Blodgett
Environmental Protection Specialist
Section of Environmental Analysis

cc: Betty Jo Christian, Steptoe & Johnson, LLP